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NDP candidate Zac Miller delivers his closing statement to the near-capacity crowd at the conclusion of the all-candidates meeting on Monday evening, May 28 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. Miller received loud applause during the night. /DARREN LUM Staff

County commits to EORN project

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County will spend up to \$565,000 on a mobile broadband expansion project through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), and contribute another \$40,000 for a broadband gap analysis for the region.

County councillors heard from Mike Rutter, who is the county's chief administrative officer, but also a co-lead for EORN, during a May 23 meeting.

The mobile broadband internet expansion project being undertaken by EORN, which is owned by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, is the second such project in the region. The first, which saw the installation of fibre-optic cable throughout the area, began in 2010 and was completed in 2015.

While the goal of that \$175-million project had been to connect 95 per cent of homes and businesses in eastern Ontario to high-speed, broadband internet, it fell short of that mark.

While according to EORN approximately 86 per cent of homes and businesses in the region

were connected, in Haliburton County that figure is much lower. Approximately 11,300 of the county's 21,750 residences were connected, leaving 45 per cent of them without fibre access. This was in part attributed to the county's topography.

The service provided through that project was up to 10 Mbps (megabits per second) for downloading, and 1 Mbps for uploading, a standard that is not what it once was.

"When this project was envisioned and this project was built, Netflix didn't operate

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Provincial candidates square off

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

While he wasn't in the room, PC leader Doug Ford loomed large during a provincial all-candidates' meeting Monday, with a number of references to the party leader and the fact that, just 10 days before the election, the PC party had yet to release a fully costed platform.

Hosted by the Haliburton chapter of CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons), county residents packed the ballroom at the Pinestone May 28 to see contenders for the provincial seat for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. They heard from PC candidate and incumbent MPP Laurie Scott; NDP candidate Zac Miller; Brooklynnne Cramp-Waldinsperger of the Liberals; Libertarian candidate Gene Balfour; Chuck MacMillan of the Consensus Ontario party; and Tom Rhyno, representing the None of the Above (NOTA) direct democracy party.

Lynn Therien, the local Green party candidate, was not in attendance, and a spokesperson has said she won't be doing any media interviews prior to the election.

Minden resident Jack Sward wanted to know why, in his estimation, the PC party seemed unable to pick a suitable leader.

"In the past we've had Mike Harris, and we all know how that worked out – bad, for

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Longtime Minden ER doc retires

by CHAD INGRAM
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Many county residents have likely, at one time or another, received care from Dr. Douglas Fiddler.

Fiddler, a longtime physician with the emergency department at the Minden hospital, was piped and applauded out of the Minden HHHS facility on May 17, upon his retirement.

Fiddler worked shifts at the Minden ER for some 23 years. When he started, the hospital was located in a small building along Bobcaygeon Road, where the Minden Animal Hospital is today.

"Since then he has been a valuable and integral member of our Minden emergency department team," Carolyn Plummer, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, wrote in an email to the paper. "He was instrumental in helping establish the current physician staffing model in the Minden ED, and has played a significant role in helping ensure top-quality medical practices have consistently been in place there. As you can see from the photographs, our team thought very highly of Dr. Fiddler and wanted to honour his contributions and show him how much he has meant to the organization."



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Dr. Douglas Fiddler is given flowers as he is piped out of the Minden HHHS facility on May 17. Fiddler has been a doctor in the Minden ER since 1995, before the current HHHS facilities were even built. /Photo submitted

We are certainly sad to see him go, and we will miss his presence in the ED; however, we wish him all the best in the next phase of his life."

There were words of praise for Dr. Fiddler from staff and board members at HHHS as well.

During a HHHS board meeting last week, chief of staff Dr. Kristy Gammon said Fiddler was "a stalwart advocate

and supporter for patient care in the county and we will miss him."

"The board expresses their appreciation very much for the services he rendered in Minden," said HHHS board chairman Dave Bonham.

Peter Oyler, chairman of the board of the HHHS Foundation, called Fiddler, "an institution in Minden."

Green party candidate declines media interviews

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Green party candidate in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes – Brock will not be conducting media interviews leading up to the June 7 provincial election.

The party has confirmed that Lynn Therien is the party's

candidate in the riding. However, an email to the paper from Ontario Green party media contact Jason LaChappelle indicated Therien will not be available for interviews.

"Unfortunately Lynn is not available to take media requests during the campaign," LaChappelle wrote. "If you were looking for a comment or quote from the party on a particular issue, I can certainly provide that to you, but Lynn herself isn't available for interview."



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Expansion to cost \$213 million

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in Canada," Rutter said. "So, when you think about how much bandwidth is consumed just by Netflix alone, clearly we need to be enhancing that level of service."

In 2016, the CRTC ruled internet with download speeds of at least 50 Mbps and upload speeds of at least 10 Mbps to be a basic telecom service. While satellite internet is available throughout some of the county, reception can be spotty.

Haliburton County's contribution to the initial EORN project was \$500,000.

"The really great news, I think . . . is that resulted in investment throughout the County of Haliburton, and this is just looking at the County of Haliburton, of \$11 million," Rutter said, explaining these investments represented the money put up by telecom companies and the provincial and federal levels of government.

Rutter said that was the largest return for any of the 13 member municipalities in the EOWC.

"This is the best return on investment for any county in the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus," he said. "We received \$22 of investment for every one dollar county council invested. From an investment standpoint, that is impressive."

However, Rutter acknowledged the initial project left a substantial coverage gap.

"We know there is still certainly work to be done, and the numbers verify that," he said.

The mobile broadband expansion project, which like the initial project is a public-private partnership, has an estimated price tag of \$213 million, and will entail the construction of several new telecommunications towers throughout eastern Ontario.

Of that total cost, \$10 million is budgeted to come from the EOWC, along with the separated city governments within its area; \$71 million from the federal government; \$71 million from the provincial government; and \$61 million from the mobile provider companies themselves.

In its 2018 budget, Kathleen Wynne's Liberal government included the \$71 million at the provincial level.

"We know there's an election going on, and we know that that investment really isn't guaranteed, unless the Liberals are elected," Rutter told council. "So we've been working with the other parties to make sure that they will also commit to that, and while we don't have an answer at this point, we're really, really confident . . . we received a really positive response from the other parties."

The federal government, as of yet, has not made an announcement regarding the funding request.

Some 18 per cent of the area included in the EOWC has no coverage at all, and another 16 per cent has inadequate coverage, according to EORN.

For example, Rutter told councillors, when he's at his parents' house in Wilberforce, he's unable to achieve enough capacity to run applications on his smartphone. All the while, demand for broadband capacity is growing, meaning something has to be done soon.

"We need better coverage to survive in this world," Rutter said.

The county's share in the project cost is based on a weighted formula that includes the size of the area, population and assessment. The county's portion will be between \$437,000 and \$566,000, depending on how many of the separated cities in eastern Ontario participate. As Rutter told councillors, two of the largest – Belleville and Kingston – have already agreed to fund their share.

While the county has an option to pay off its share over a four-year period, between a broadband reserve of more than \$310,000 and money from the county's general working reserve, Rutter said the municipality could easily cover its portion upfront.

As for timelines, ideally the EOWC is hoping to receive approval of federal funding this summer, negotiate agreements this fall, issue requests for proposals next year, and begin construction in the spring of 2020.

Council agreed to funding Haliburton County's portion of the project, as well as an additional \$40,000 for its part in a detailed, up-to-date analysis of internet coverage gaps throughout the area.

"It's a job half done, and congratulations to all that sit around this table and the staff and EORN and whatever to get us where we are," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "The technology is rapidly accelerating things, so I think to get some metrics on where we are, certainly that can't happen fast enough."

"I can't say yes fast enough," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. "In round

one, Algonquin Highlands was the most underserved, not only in Haliburton County, but in the entire eastern region. We knew then and now that that was due to geography and density."

Moffatt said that towers, while they will be controversial, are the solution that is required.

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Candidates slam Ford, lack of platform

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most of us, myself included," Sward said. "You offered us up Tim Hudak, who scared the bejeebies out of everybody, cost you the election. Then you got Patrick Brown – what were you thinking there? Now, we have Doug Ford," Sward said, before he was asked by moderator Jim Blake to get to his question.

"The question is, why can't your party choose a viable leader?" Sward asked.

In what was the largest reaction to anything during the evening, much of the room burst into applause and cheers.

"A lot of what Doug Ford is saying and what I'm saying is going to help you," said Scott, who's been MPP for the riding for most of the last 15 years. "In terms of affordability, do you not want a break on your hydro bill, do you not want less taxes, do you not want the government to get out of the way and make Ontario a better place, where we can have more economic development? Most people that I meet every day want that type of relief, the type of relief that we are offering. So he's out there, saying the things people have told me in this riding. They can't afford to live in the province of Ontario, they need relief, and that's why we're offering people programs to give them that relief."

"I'm sorry you don't like Doug, but I'm here," Scott added.

Questions to candidates ran the gamut from arts funding to preventing violence against women to voting reform to the wait times for and conditions in long-term care homes.

A question from CARP, citing myriad challenges for seniors in Haliburton County including a lack of affordable retirement housing, public transportation and shortage of services in general, asked candidates what they would do to help address these issues.

"The Libertarian party doesn't believe that the government should be the answer to all problems in society," Balfour said.

The party advocates for much smaller government and much less taxation.

"The government runs monopoly organizations," said Balfour, a retired professional recruiter. "Every time the government does something, it's always done by them and nobody else, and there's no competition allowed. We're going to change that. What we're going to do is eliminate the regulations that enforce monopolies, so that non-government enterprises can come into the marketplace and provide services that the government cannot provide today."

Cramp-Waldinsperger, a university student studying political science, said the Liberal party plans to open more long-term care beds.

"We've opened over 10,000 long-term care beds and we've committed to opening another 30,000 in the next 10 years because we understand that seniors put so much into their community, and they deserve to retire with pride and dignity," she said.

Cramp-Waldinsperger added that the Liberal government's OHIP Plus program was expanding the number of medications covered for those at or over the age of 65.

MacMillan, a head custodian with the Pine Ridge District School Board, said he'd work with the federal government to make life more affordable for seniors.

"First of all, I'm going to work with the federal government because our CPP and OAS has been deducted," he said. "We've seen seniors go back into the workplace because they can't afford [their payments] . . . They've worked over 50 years in our system, donating to the economy. We should be giving them a chance to retire with dignity, instead of over-charging them."

Consensus Ontario, which is running a handful of candidates in the June 7 election, advocates for a consensus-based form to governing that would rely on residents of a riding to set the priorities of their independent MPP. The party seeks to abolish the partisan system.

"There's many aspects to bringing affordability back to seniors and what we would do is lower hydro rates by 30 per cent by bringing it back into the public sector, and also by removing time-of-use billing," said Miller, who is also a university student studying political science.

Miller added the NDP planned to create 65,000 new affordable housing units in the province, implement a tighter rent control system, and introduce universal dental and pharmacare, "so no one has to not take their medication, or cut it in half, to make it last."

Rhyno told attendees that the NOTA party would allow residents to set priorities, and then take steps to make those changes happen.

"The None of the Above party, what we want to do, is



It was near capacity even until the very end of the all-candidates meeting on Monday evening at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

send out information packages to you guys, so you can tell us where the care needs to be, and where the money needs to go, so we can figure out ways, and find and talk to the right people, who can bring those services in, and it's going to be super easy for you guys, OK?" said Rhyno, a military vet and tradesperson.

The NOTA party, according to its website, "campaigns for the 3Rs of direct democracy – referendum, recall and real electoral legislative reforms that give voters control of politicians and parties." NOTA members would be responsible only to their constituents, the party having no central policies.

"Seniors deserve more respect and attention to be given to them," Scott told the room. "The thing I've heard loud and clear over the last many years is affordability, and the cost of hydro has sky-rocketed and left many seniors not able to stay in their homes."

Scott said the PC party would help seniors by "definitely putting more money in their pockets, reducing hydro by 12 per cent, reducing income taxes, 10 cents a litre off gas . . . we do need to help seniors that travel, and that will help them, lower-income dental, so lower-income seniors can get free dental care."

Scott also said she's been fighting for years for more long-term care beds in the riding, which would help alleviate pressure on hospitals.

On behalf of the student council at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Andrew Carmount asked a question regarding post-secondary tuition. Citing Statistics Canada, Carmount said the average university grad carries \$26,000 in student debt, and noted a number of countries have eliminated tuition altogether, to put their students on top, competitively.

"Will your party, if elected, commit to reducing to eliminating or reducing tuition fees, and assist in reducing debts for Ontario students?" he asked.

"I put two daughters through university, so I know how expensive it is," Balfour said. "Again, it goes back to what I said earlier, that everything the government does is through a monopoly, and of course, our post-secondary system is a monopoly system."

Balfour pointed to the wide range of online learning opportunities that are now available.

"It's a lot cheaper, it's a lot more flexible, and there's a market of services out there that are designed to meet the needs of individuals . . . so that's what I'd be recommending, is more non-government options in the education system, at all levels."

Cramp-Waldinsperger said the issue was one she was very familiar with personally, as a current student.

"For myself, I would not have been able to afford attending post-secondary without the Ontario Student Assistance Program, and this is one of the main reasons I put my name on the ballot," she said. "With a Liberal government, we are

currently sending all the students whose household income is less than \$50,000 to school for free."

Cramp-Waldinsperger added that recent regulations also mean that graduates do not have to start repaying their student loans until they are earning an income of at least \$35,000 a year.

"This is so important, and this is helping our students get ahead in life," she said.

MacMillan told the room that his daughter had attended five years of university to become a physiotherapist.

"And her debt's not \$26,000, I can tell you that right now," he said. "It could be anywhere from \$70,000 to \$90,000, and it's ridiculous. We need to put money back into our tuition programs, so kids can get a good education. Let them cover the cost of maybe housing and food and stuff, but our governments need to put the commitment back into the kids . . . streamlining programs that make sure they have a job at the end, not give them programs that at the end, they come out and they have a BA, and they're flipping burgers."

Miller called the tuition reforms being made by the Liberal government another example of the party's incrementalism and gradualism.

"So what the New Democrats will do is turn all loans into grants, so students are leaving university ahead, not burdened with \$28,000 worth of debt," Miller said. He said the NDP would also forgive all interest for anyone carrying provincial loan debt, and give back a rebate for interest that has previously been paid on it.

Making tuition free is another pledge by the NDP.

"I believe education is really, really seriously important, although I didn't do it," Rhyno said. "I joined the military, it's pretty rough, but they'll pay for your tuition too, though."

Rhyno added, "And you get paid the whole time you're there."

"For sure the cost of education can be a challenge, but we want more children, more students to go into post-secondary and we want to match the jobs that are available with the education that is available," Scott said, "and Fleming College does a good job of that here, in Haliburton. We need to make sure students who go there, they need to have affordable costs in life, and that's why there'll be no income tax if you make less than \$30,000, and quite often, when you're in school, you are working also, so that is more money in your pocket."

Scott added the PCs would not change the tuition regulations that are currently in place for students from low-income families.

During closing statements, Miller and Cramp-Waldinsperger took shots at Ford and pointed out the PCs had yet to release a costed platform.

"This election has to be about where we want this province to be, for us right now, and for future generations," Miller

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Scott asks for voters to trust her again

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said. "And with the corruption displayed by Doug Ford in just two short weeks of this campaign, I want you guys to imagine what he could actually do in four years with the full support of Laurie Scott."

Last week, a story about Ford trying to sell bogus PC memberships surfaced in the national media.

"We're really the only party willing to tackle the issue of why so many of us are living in poverty, and to do that, we need to start having an honest conversation about unemployment and underemployment and stagnant wages and why people are working 40 hours a week and still can't put food on the table for their children," Miller continued. "An NDP government will stand up for families, and we will stand up

for working-class individuals against the powerful corporations, against the elite and against the political parties that have created the many crises that we have seen today."

Cramp-Waldsperger said Ontarians couldn't afford the kind of cuts Ford would bring.

"This election is so important, it really presents us all with a clear choice," she said. "We can choose to vote for progress, infrastructural improvements and historical investments in care, while the alternative is the Doug Ford Conservatives, who will cut the \$15 minimum wage, they've given up the fight on climate change, and will cut billions of dollars from critical services. Once again, we're 10 days to election day, and they still haven't released a costed platform."

Scott implored voters to put their trust in her again.

"We've discussed a great variety of topics here, and I ap-

preciate the efforts of my fellow candidates," Scott said. "But we need to be sure what we are asking ourselves. Yes, this is an election about change, change in who will be the government of Ontario. I can tell you this, I don't get my thoughts off a campaign sheet listing things I can throw out there as ideas. I get my understanding about what has to be done when I talk with all of you, and when I work with you. Election promises can't turn into rhetoric."

Scott said Ontarians could not afford more of the tax-heavy plans of the Liberals, or the NDP.

"The election is not about taking chances, it's about trust," she said. "I ask you to trust me one more time. I ask some of you to vote for me for the very first time. Together, we can bring the change Ontarians need. I ask for your support on June 7."

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Provincial election, municipal concerns

WHILE WE OFTEN refer to and perhaps think of the three levels of government as distinct and separate, they are inextricably interconnected. What happens at one level can, and does, have implications at another.

In the case of the provincial government and municipal ones, the latter are creatures of the former. Provincial policy has enormous implications for local governments, and their taxpayers.

As we approach the June 7 provincial election, certainly many people I've spoken to personally remain unsure as to how they're going to vote.

So, if you're still having trouble deciding how you're going to cast your ballot in a week's time, perhaps consider this; what will the provincial parties' policy promises mean for your municipal property tax bill?

It might seem a bizarre question at first, but think about it.

Former Premier Mike Harris cut provincial spending, but did so, in part, by downloading certain responsibilities to municipal governments in Ontario. Social housing, for example. A number of roads that were once maintained by the province are now maintained by local governments, including a number of them in Haliburton County.

In 2017, when the City of Toronto tried to institute tolls on the city-owned Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway to generate more money for transit projects, it was shut down by Premier Kathleen Wynne for transparently political reasons.

Provincial governments have the ability to deny municipalities revenue-generating tools, while at the

same time, creating policies that cost municipal governments more and more money. Mandated asset management plans, new firefighter training requirements, all kinds of reports and paperwork that must be filled out by municipal employees, or done by hired consultants, and submitted to the province.

As the Association of Municipalities of Ontario will tell you, while

municipal governments in the province own almost two thirds of all infrastructure, they collect only nine cents per every dollar of taxation; the feds take 47 cents, the province 44.

What is sometimes referred to as infrastructure gap – the amount of money required

annually to just maintain existing infrastructure – is about \$5 billion.

The AMO recently requested the province add one per cent to the HST, which would generate about \$2.5 billion a year, to be directed to infrastructure projects.

It was denied because, well, adding one per cent to the HST is a politically risky move. However, that infrastructure has to be maintained, and that money has to come from somewhere.

Since municipal governments have limited means of generating revenue, that money is most likely going to come from your property taxes.

As a number of local politicians like to say, there's only one taxpayer

Each of the parties have made a number of promises that will, on some level, impact costs for municipalities. It's something worth researching, if you're still trying to figure out how to vote.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

20-inch trout from that spot, that's who. Sure, a good fishing buddy will not sneak into your best angling position until he or she has ensured that you have washed up on shore safely, taken good photos or video of the event and asked what lure or fly you were using.

A bad one, on the other hand, will be on the move before the first splash. Having said that, almost all of them would at least make a couple of attempts to help their fellow angler prior to taking the spot – and depending on their casting accuracy, drag setting and line strength, they might even be able to beach or net you – the latter of which is highly embarrassing. Trust me.

The point is simple.

The kind who just watched you land a 20-inch trout from that spot, that's who. Sure, a good fishing buddy will not sneak into your best angling position until he or she has ensured that you have washed up on shore safely, taken good photos or video of the event and asked what lure or fly you were using.

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The other thing you ought to do is carry a wading staff. This is a useful thing to lean on to keep you steady or help you get around. Which brings me to a second point – beware the wading staff stuck in the river bottom without an owner attached to it.

It's a great indicator of where the angler was when he caught that big fish that made him let go of his wading staff. But it

also makes you ask the question, are there other big fish in that run?

OK, all kidding aside, if you are going to wade in some of the stronger flows this spring, wade carefully, place your feet perpendicular to the current, wear polarized glasses so you can see bottom, don't wade too deep, watch your step and use a wading staff to test for depth and slipperiness of the bottom each step of the way. Also, an inflatable PFD is a good idea.

The best wading advice, however, is if it looks unsafe or if you are unsure, don't risk it. And, especially don't risk wading in treacherous waters when you are alone.

You might not always have access to the best fish if you play it safe, but that's OK. You can always exaggerate the length of a 12-incher when you get home.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Kwarky



"You don't look like the witch Billy described!"

Wading advice

GOING WITH the flow is generally one of those phrases that's considered positive – unless that term is used to describe what happened to you while wading in a trout stream.

This is something to keep in mind during early season trout fishing excursions.

Even now, with water levels allowing an angler to relax a bit, you need to be very careful. Most anglers don't tread carefully enough and that can lead to disaster.

That's right, if you slip on a slick rock and get swept downstream, your fishing buddy will probably steal your spot.

Right now you are probably thinking that this is not going to happen. I mean what kind of fishing buddy would quickly move into your prime spot as you are flailing your way downstream desperately looking for a rock or branch to cling to?

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STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

What if no one voted?

I'M TRYING TO figure out whether it was a wishful dream, or a nasty nightmare. Whichever it was, I know what prompted it.

Before bedtime I had been reading opinion columns on what might happen in the June 7 Ontario provincial election. One piece, by Margaret Wente of the Toronto *Globe and Mail*, noted the indigestibility of the choices.

Although I don't always agree with her opinions, I respect Ms. Wente's work. So I was interested to read her view that Kathleen Wynne's Liberals have zero chance of being re-elected and her labelling Doug Ford as a "blustering ignoramus" who has no grasp of policy, platform or budget.

The other choice was New Democrat Andrea Horwath, who Ms. Wente wrote "plans to run gigantic deficits for years and years, until Tinker Bell arrives with magic bags of money."

All that reading heightened my anxiety over this election, and no doubt the anxieties of voters who can't see a palatable choice among the three major parties.

Ontario is in trouble, and has been for some time. Its manufacturing sector is evaporating, its health-care system is a mess, its hydro policy is sinful and its debt load is shocking.

It is doubtful that any party will make the hard choices needed to pull the province out of its nosedive and onto the straight and level. A Sir or Lady Galahad is needed to take charge but there are no such persons on the political horizon. They exist, but they are unwilling to enter the fanatically partisan circus that politics has become.

All that was floating in my mind when I went to bed.

When sleep took me I found myself back as a junior reporter assigned to gathering lesser aspects of the election, what is known in the news business as getting colour. I decided to visit polling stations just before closing to interview last-minute voters.

I walked into one polling station and found the place as silent and still as a cemetery. The returning officer, various polling clerks and scrutineers all sat staring at the ceiling and looking bored. There wasn't a voter in sight.

"Pretty quiet here. The rush must be over," I said to no one in particular. Several officials stared at their hands. Others began to look busy.

I walked over to the table where you check in to vote. On the table was a sheet listing the names of eligible voters in that polling district.

When a voter approaches the table to get his or her ballot, one clerk checks the person's eligibility and hands out a ballot. The other clerk, usually holding a pen and ruler, puts a line through the voter's name to show he or she has voted.

The sheet in front of the poll clerk had no lines drawn through any names. No one had voted all day at that polling station.

I checked other polling stations. Same result. No lines through any names. No one had voted!

I went to the polling stations of the three major party leaders. No one, including the leaders themselves, had voted.

I ran down the street, searching building after building for a telephone. This was the biggest story any reporter could hope for and I needed to call it in.

Wherever I went there were no telephones. The more I searched, the more panicked I became. It was terrifying having a massive scoop and not being able to file it to your editor!

I ran until my lungs ached. I was sweating and screaming when a ringing telephone woke me. I never thought a marketing call could make me so happy.

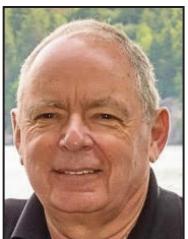
It took me a few minutes to return to the real world, and I began thinking about the June 7 election. What if it really happened? What if no one turned out to vote?

That seems impossible, of course, yet just the thought is scary. We already are partly there. In the last two provincial elections combined, fewer than one-half of eligible voters turned out.

Troubling as it was, my dream gave me an important realization: There are times when we dislike our voting choices, but at least we have some.

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It's flip flop season

IT IS DEFINITELY flip flop season. It feels so good to have the sun tickle my toes. I have to admit, I love watching the tan lines establish themselves. They are a true give away to who is wearing what. I tend to shift between Birkenstocks and flip flops so my tan lines get a bit confusing. I do love wearing flip flops. The minimalist design is very freeing, especially on a hot day. That is just one of the reasons that they are so popular, but it's that design that can cause problems.

Flip flops were originally designed to be used poolside or at the beach. If used for short periods like the time required to get from the lounge chair to the beach, all is good. If they are worn for extended periods like long walks or a day of shopping, the risk of developing various injuries is increased.

There's only a thin thong strap that is holding your foot to the shoe that often consists of a thin piece of plastic. Wearing flip flops means that your toes have to work extra hard at gripping to make the walking motion happen, and then your heels are taking the full impact of your foot hitting the ground. The risk of developing ailments like shin splints or plantar fasciitis is increased significantly when too



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

much walking time is in flip flops. Also, bunions and hammertoes can be aggravated due to the lack of support provided by this type of sandal.

I'm not saying that we need to abandon our very cool (pun intended) summer footwear! I'm suggesting that we are wise about it. The first step is to pick the best shoe for the activity you are doing. When you're choosing to wear flip flops, only

wear them for short periods of time, and/or when we're not on our feet for very long. The second thing is to purchase good quality flip flops unless you are only using them around the beach, the pool or in the shower at the gym. Find a kind that fit you well. Make sure they have both arch support and a thicker sole. Your feet and the rest of your body will thank you.

Lastly, take care of your feet. Now that they are seeing much more of the light of day keep them clean, moisturized and don't forget the sunscreen.

Something to think about.

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Prairie Boy opens

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craft items like Detour coffee, Claire Manning tea towels and aprons, Mumbleweeds coffee mugs and cards, Silvio Verone serving boards, food and bread books. There are lots of gift ideas for foodies and soon they'll start making vegan burgers.

Because they work with a lot of flour in the air, Prairie Boy doesn't serve anything they can say is gluten free, however their bread is very popular with people who have gluten intolerances. The combination of freshly milled local organic flour, high hydration and long ferment make their breads very easy to digest.

Those of you familiar with the previous businesses who sold food out of the cute porthole windows in the sides of the building might find it strange to walk-in to Prairie Boy, but they are a full walk-in retail shop with bread, coffee, pastries and grocery items. Grab a chair out front or sit at a picnic table at the side of the building.

They are a small family business trying to bring great homemade organic quality food to people and hope to become a mainstay on Main Street in Dorset. Lainie says, "we love the town and have been welcomed very warmly and enthusiastically by residents and other business owners. It already feels like home because of that wonderful warmth we have received."

If you find yourself in Toronto stop by Prairie Boy at 970 College where they're open seven days a week. Their Dorset hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends until the July long weekend, then open six days a week until Labour Day, then weekends again until Thanksgiving.

Happy birthday to Diane Burgess, Thomas Arbuckle, Matthew Avery, Myla Haley, Kristian Gracey, Brad Robinson and Lorraine Weatherell. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

County gets disaster mitigation funding

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The County of Haliburton has approved for funding from the National Disaster Mitigation Program to assist with flood prevention planning.

The county applied for the funding, nearly \$180,000, last September. It will fund half the cost of Phase 1 of a county flood mitigation project. The county will fund the other half, that money included in the 2018 budget.

Phase 1 of the project will include surveying of the Burnt River and lower Gull River watersheds using airborne LIDAR mapping technology. LIDAR, or Light Detection and Ranging, uses a laser-based system to produce extremely detailed topographical images.

Other work will include conducting field surveys to obtain channel elevations; an inventory of culverts and bridges; a survey of ground elevations; the composition of hydraulic and hydrologic models using the LIDAR information; a peer review of those models; and flood plain mapping for the lower portion of the Gull River.

The next step is to form a steering committee with members of partner organizations, including the Ganaraska Conservation Authority, the Kawartha Conservation Authority and Parks Canada, which controls the Trent Severn Waterway. The Gull River, as well as more than two dozens lakes in Haliburton County are part of the feeder system that supplies water to

the canal, which stretches from Trenton to Port Severn.

"That's going to include scientific staff, survey staff, GIS staff, to work with us on this project," county planner Charlsey White said of the steering committee, as she spoke to county councillors during a May 23 meeting.

"All the people with all the letters behind their names need to be involved in it," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, noting water levels management is incredibly technically complex.

Moffatt, along with Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, are county representatives on the Upper Trent Watershed Water Management Partnership, or UTWWMP. UTWWMP consists of municipal stakeholders and lake stewards from throughout an area including the Haliburton Highlands and northern Peterborough County. The purpose behind that organization, which was scheduled to meet May 28, is to provide a unified voice to stakeholders who, historically, have not had much input on the operation of the canal.

"This has been a long road to get to this," said Devolin. "Now, we begin the planning process."

He noted that process would take a number of years.

The county will be applying for funding for Phase 2 of the project, which includes surveying, mapping and modelling the portions of the Gull River and Burnt River watershed not captured in Phase 1.

The deadline for that funding application is September.



HSAD valedictorian Amy Black shares a laugh with George Gillespie, second board vice chair of Fleming College. /OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

Valedictorian: 'We all have futures thanks to HSAD'

by OLIVIA ROBINSON
Times Staff

Outside, it was a grey afternoon at the Haliburton School of Art + Design for the May 25 convocation, but valedictorian Amy Black's speech made the day brighter.

Black credited her cohort's diverse backgrounds and experiences for how they've been able to support one another in their academic and creative ventures.

"We all have past stories, and now, we all have futures thanks to HSAD."

Black recalled the all-too-common disparaging remarks levelled at students who choose creative career paths.

When she was five, Black told her teacher that she wanted to be an artist when she grew up. Her teacher smiled and said "that's a cute idea." In Grade 7, another teacher told her she needed a more realistic goal.

"To this day I'm still letting her down," joked the Haliburton County native.

Black graduated from the integrated design diploma program and she was honoured at the HSAD convocation with an Integrated Design Diploma for Graphic Excellence.

Black encouraged her classmates to cel-

lbrate their achievements in all the programs offered at the Haliburton campus: artist blacksmith, ceramics, digital image design, drawing and painting, expressive arts, fibre arts, glassblowing, integrated design diploma, jewelry essentials, moving image design, photo arts, sustainable building design and construction, and visual and creative arts diploma.

The May 25 convocation marked the first of eight ceremonies for Fleming College. Ceremonies are also held at the Frost, Kawartha Lakes, and Peterborough campuses. The Haliburton campus convocation celebrated 137 graduates, with several students achieving multiple diplomas or certificates.

In an address to graduates, faculty member Kim Lee Kho empathized with Black's sentiment about the passion of working in the creative sector. In turn, she offered advice to the graduating class about how to avoid burnout.

"Like bank accounts, you can't make endless withdrawals without making deposits as well. So go ahead and pour yourself into your work – mind, body, and soul – and rest," she said. "Nourish yourself in body and spirit. Look for joy inside and outside your work and then your life will sustain you."

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StoryWalk engages young readers outdoors

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

A bird's eye view of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Museum grounds on the morning of May 25 would have shown parades of children heading there for a StoryWalk hosted by the EarlyON Child and Family Centre. Students from kindergarten and Grade 1 classes at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, as well as kids from the nearby OEYC children's daycare and kids who were simply dropping in with their parents were flocking to the grounds to read "Jo MacDonald had a Garden" together outside.

According to the EarlyON Child and Family Centre, a StoryWalk combines the pleasure of reading a children's book aloud, with all the joys and benefits of walking to-

gether outdoors. Pages of the story were set up around the cultural centre grounds for kids to read each page – younger kids from ASES were supported by older students from the school, while daycare educators engaged the youngest of the kids. At each page of the story, kids could explore a related activity independently or with help from EarlyON Child and Family Centre organizers including Julie Pearson, Jan Bronson and Bev Jackson. Some activities saw kids matching seeds to their packages, identifying vegetables or – a crowd favourite – digging for worms.

The StoryWalk was funded with a donation from United Way. The EarlyON Child and Family Centre also hopes to host special programs including a special Abbey Gardens morning, parent and child yoga classes, park day in Haliburton and swimming in the fall.



Elsie Murdoch and Maddison Delahunt-Morrow explore at the StoryWalk held in Minden on May 25. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Students – like Dexter Sherwood, seen here, paused at each page to read the story together - some, with the encouragement of EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff, were brave enough to sing rather than read.

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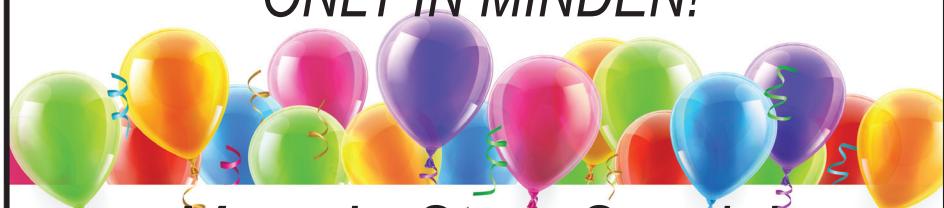
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Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA)

Annual Meeting - Saturday, July 7
 11 a.m. at Airport Strip (Across from Miskwabi Boat Launch, Trapper's Trail)
 Bring your own chairs. BBQ to follow.
 Rain Day is Sunday, July 8

Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association

Annual General Meeting
 Saturday, July 7
 Gooderham - Robert McCausland Centre
 Doors open 9 a.m.
 Meeting 10 a.m. to noon
 Brian Cain, President GLCA, 705-447-2018

Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottagers' Association

Further details on all our events can be found on our website home page www.SDLCA.ca under "2018 Events"
 Shoreline Naturalization Workshop and Planting Event – Saturday, June 2 and Sept. 8. The CHA is seeking interested lakefront landowners and volunteers to participate in Shoreline Naturalization Workshop and Planting Events that will be happening on Salerno Lake this summer. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about restoration planning components such as erosion control, vegetation spacing, invasive species, access points and buffer zones. The volunteer form can be found on the event page under www.SDLCA.ca / 2018 Events / Shoreline Workshop and Planting Event

Kawagama Lake

KLCA (Kawagama Lake) Annual General Meeting (AGM) July 7, at 10 a.m.

Guest Speaker Heather Auld will speak about Climate Change and how it affects lakes in our area. This presentation is offered free to all members. It will be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre in Dorset. Non-Members can purchase a membership to hear the talk.

Moore Lake Property Owners Association

Annual General Meeting
 Sunday, July 8 at 9 a.m.
 Summerkiss Restaurant at Moore Falls

South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents

Annual General Meeting
 Saturday, June 9 at 11 a.m.
 Location: Pat & Arch Donaldson's,
 1029 Whispering Pines Trail
 Outside: So bring a chair, a hat, and suntan lotion!
 Guest Speaker: TBA

Halls Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association

HHLPOA Annual General Meeting
 Sunday, July 1
 Camp Kawabi (Big Hawk Lake)
 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Little Glamor Lake

Annual General Meeting,
 Saturday, July 21, 9:30 a.m.,
 Gooderham Community Centre

Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association

Annual General Meeting
 Saturday, July 7 at 10 a.m. at the Fish Hatchery on Gelert Road

Kushog Lake

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, June 23,

Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall, North Shore Rd off Hwy 35
 Refreshments at 9 a.m. Meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Drag and Spruce Lakes

Dock Day (new)
 Saturday, June 30 (Rain date Sunday)
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Location: Your Dock and other participating docks
 Karen Gingrich, kgingrich@bell.net, (705) 455-9952
 Have a look at our website for more information on this great plan and for a raindate, if needed. Please contact Karen if you would like to volunteer to help coordinate.

Grace Lake Cottagers Association

2018 AGM
 Where: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.
 Registration and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m., and there will be a speaker at 11 a.m. (tba). All interested cottagers from Grace Lake are welcomed to attend.

Twelve Mile, Little Boshkung Lakes Association

AGM
 Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m., Red Umbrella Inn

Canning Lake

AGM
 Sunday, July 8 (9:30 a.m. for socializing) Meeting at 10 a.m.
 At Rigney's Roost, 1037 Hamlin Lane

Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association

The Annual General Meeting of the HLPOA will be held on Saturday, June 23 at the Minden Legion, 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Paul Heaven will be available to answer questions on the Lakeshore Restoration Project. Local politicians have been invited to attend. This is an election year. Refreshments and a BBQ lunch will be served. Please bring a cash donation or a non-perishable food item for the Minden Food Bank.


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Time - Your system needs as much time as you can give it to digest the waste you put in before the next load of water arrives. Remember – one drop in = one drop out of your system.

Give your system time by Minimizing Water Use and Spreading It out over Time.

Tip of the Week

AVOID ANTIBACTERIAL SOAP AND CLEANERS

Who hasn't stood in front of a mountainous shelf of soaps and cleaners, wondering which one to choose? Septic systems need bacteria, so if you want yours to run smoothly, don't opt for the anti-bacterial product for your hands or dishes - including in the dishwasher.

Shorelines: The Basics

Without a liver your body would not be able to filter toxins and would die. A Natural shoreline is your lake's liver.

Maintaining and re naturalizing our lake shorelines is one of the 2 most important actions that we can take to protect our lakes. Natural shorelines filter out nutrients such as phosphorous before they get into our lakes and cause algae blooms, weed growth and decreased fish populations. They also reduce erosion and flooding and increase habitat for beautiful creatures such as butterflies, birds, fish and frogs.

90% of life in your lake depends on a Natural shoreline with deep rooted native trees and shrubs.

If 75% of your lake's shoreline is not natural your lake is headed for trouble.

GET OFF THE GRASS

Just because it's green, doesn't mean it's good for your lake. When it comes to roots, the deeper the better. Grass roots are only a few inches deep, compared to native shrub roots that are many feet deep. Deep roots will filter out much more phosphorous before it gets into your lake.

Tip of the Week

Pay attention to this tip to answer next week's question!

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Haliburton Home and Cottage Show celebrates its 40th anniversary

by OLIVIA ROBINSON
Times Staff

This weekend marks the 40th anniversary of the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show. The three-day event runs from June 1 to June 3 hosted at and sponsored by the Haliburton Curling Club.

The show boasts exhibitors with a wide assortment of products on display, from home décor, to docks, to saunas, to ATVs and paddleboard lessons.

One of the show's strengths, said Rick Ashall, the show's manager, is that the

Haliburton Home and Cottage Show is one of the most established events of its kind. He said he's been approached by two other home shows for advice on what makes the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show such a success.

This year, there are close to 150 vendors at the event, composed of roughly 16 or 17 outside vendors.

"We're going to various home shows who are unique to Haliburton County, that you wouldn't normally see on the main drag. We try and get things that are very different than more of the same," Ashall said. "The diversity is amazing."

Ashall said some of the more innovative products in past years have included a wine hook – an invention that securely fastens your beverage to your dockside chair – and a young photographer with an entrepreneurial spirit who offered to take photographs of homes and cottages with her drone.

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show is so popular, that it has a waiting list for prospective vendors, said Ashall. On average, the show attracts between 2,500 to 3,500 attendees per year. Roughly 25 per cent of the show's attendees are cottagers.

Ashall said the show relies on its 120 volunteers who are charged with duties such as

parking and security in order to keep things running smoothly throughout the weekend. The volunteers working the kitchen at the curling club also cook lunches, barbecues, and handle food sales during the event.

For more information about the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, please visit www.haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com. The show's hours are Friday, June 1 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children. Parking is free.

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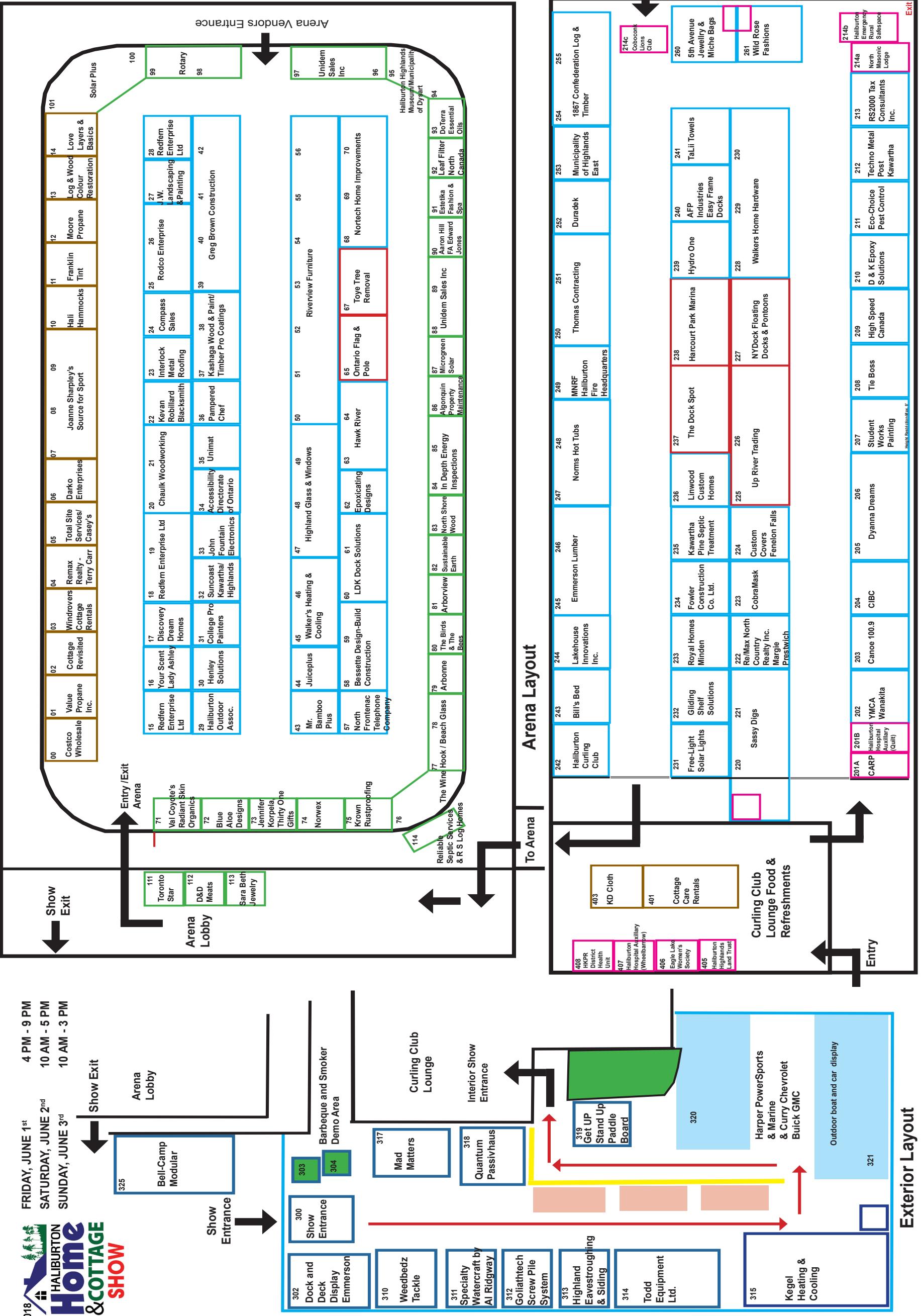
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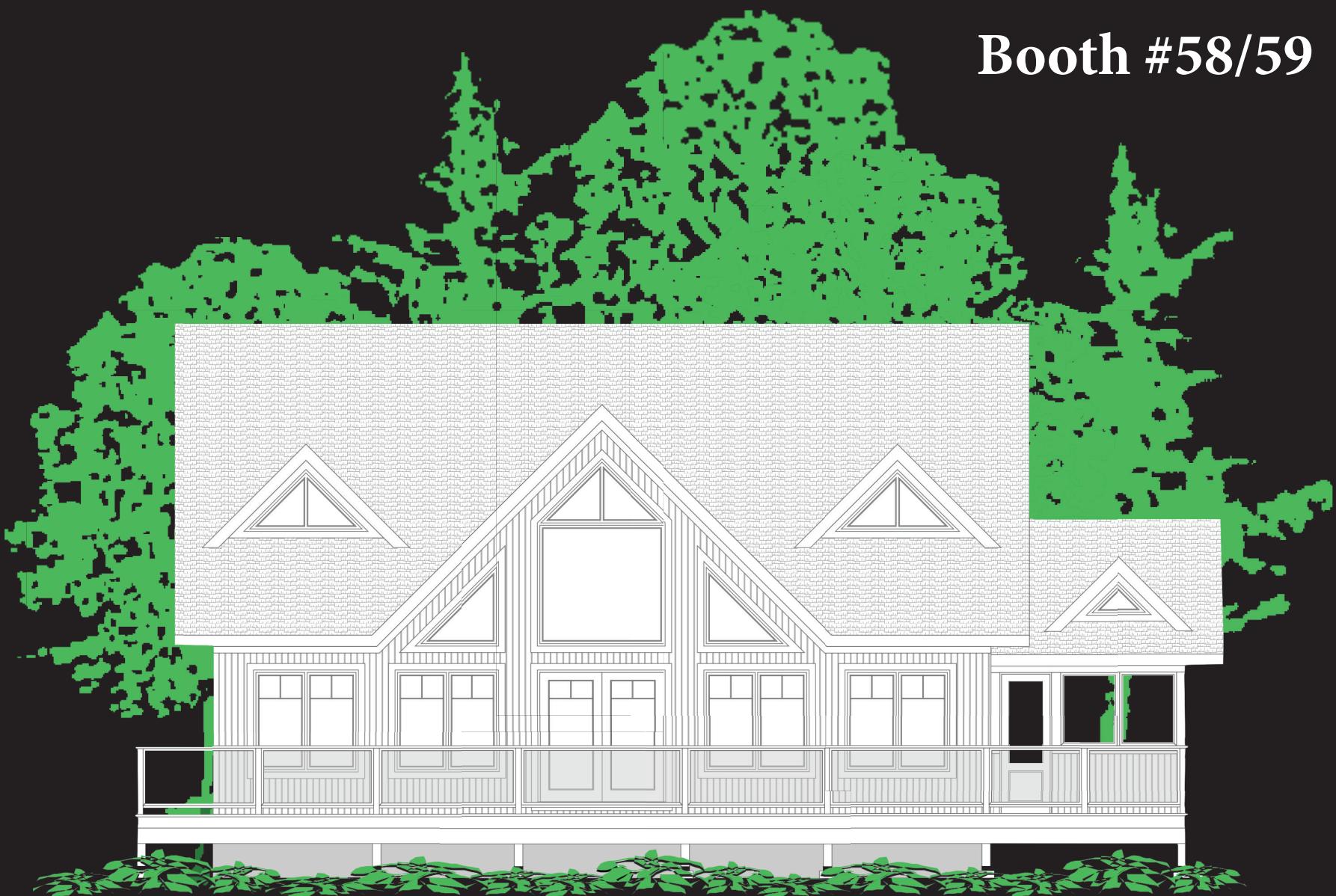
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Online tool matches native plants to properties

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A new online tool from the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) allows residents to discover what types of native vegetation best suit their properties as they go about re-naturalizing their shorelines.

"Shoreline naturalization is a very, very high priority," says Paul MacInnes, chair of the CHA. "There's an awful lot of people that need to get re-naturalizing."

Since its formation, the CHA has been stressing the importance of re-naturalized shorelines for their myriad environmental benefits, including reduced erosion, improved water quality and natural habitat for local fauna.

MacInnes, who speaks at numerous lake association events each year, says the No. 1 question he receives from people is regarding what kinds of native plants would best suit their particular properties.

"And of course, I have no idea how to answer that question," he says.

So MacInnes contacted a couple of national organizations, as well as some American ones, thinking that somewhere there must be a digital tool that would quickly allow users to research what types of plants would best suit the soil, light, moisture conditions, etc., on their properties.

"The bottom line was, there wasn't a tool," he says. "There was nothing. So, we decided we were going to create one."

The CHA contacted Julia Sutton of Sutton Environmental Services, who MacInnes hails as an authority on native plants, to provide the recommendations and Donna Enright of Technicalities Plus to design the online tool.

"What I wanted was a shopping cart type of approach," MacInnes says.

And that's what he got.

The tool, called Shoreline Plant Search

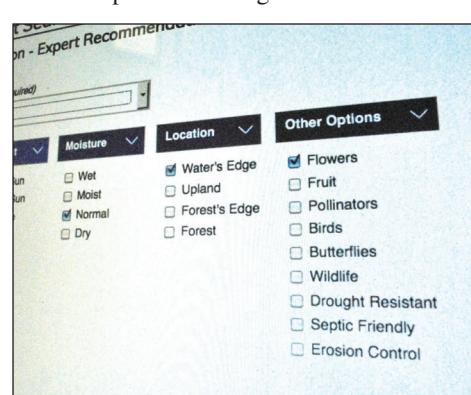
and available on the CHA website, lets users select the type of plant they are looking for – tree, shrub, wildflower, grass or fern – and then tick boxes under five criteria: soil types; sunlight; moisture; location; and other options.

"You can scroll down through the choices," MacInnes says. "It gives you the picture and everything you need to know, the spacing, how wide it's going to grow, how tall it's going to grow, all of those things."

If the user chooses shrub, and then sandy soil, part sun, normal moisture, water's edge as a location and selects "flowers" under the "other options" tab, three options pop up: meadowsweet, nannyberry and red osier dogwood, all with photographs, planting and maintenance instructions and other notes.

The tool is free for the public to use. Go to the CHA's website at www.cohpoa.org. Under the "shoreline" health tab in the menu bar, you'll find Shoreline Plant Search.

The CHA website also has a list of local suppliers of native plants and MacInnes said the CHA is working on getting more local landscaping and greenhouse-type businesses to stock up on native vegetation.



The CHA's Shoreline Plant Search tool is easy to use, and allows people to quickly discover what sorts of native vegetation best suit particular locations on their properties./CHAD INGRAM Staff



Going green

Shoppers are helped by volunteers at the Minden & District Horticultural Society's annual Plant Sale on May 26 at the Village Green in Minden. With the help of society members, the annual event boasted close to 1,000 plants (hostas, lillies, heritage tomatoes, herbs and an assortment of others). This event helps with the society's different community efforts, which include community gardens, youth programming and its annual garden show to name a few. The group has 86 members and meets the first Tuesday of each month except from December to February. From March to April, they meet at 1 p.m. and from May to November at 7 p.m. These meetings feature guest speakers. For more information on the society see mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca/Submitted by Anica Sabel

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Candidate asks residents to vote NOTA

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Tom Rhyno wants residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock to know they can vote None Of The Above in the June 7 provincial election.

"I want people to be educated to know they have a choice," says Rhyno. "They don't have to vote Liberal, they don't have to vote Conservative, they don't have to vote NDP ... or they can decline their ballots if they want to. It doesn't need to be the way that it is."

Rhyno is a 32-year-old father of three who resides in Woodville. He works in the trades, and also served five years in the military as a combat engineer.

The None Of The Above (NOTA) party, according to its website, "campaigns for the 3Rs of direct democracy – referendum, recall and real electoral legislative reforms that give voters control of politicians and parties. Candidates are accountable to their constituents and there are no central party policies or controls of elected MPPs beyond the binding direct democracy principles."

The NOTA party was founded in 2014.

Rhyno told the paper it's this control, this changing of the system that would allow MPPs to be recalled and replaced by their constituents if they are not keeping their promises or acting in the best interests of the constituency, that attracted him to the party.

"I don't think politicians take the job seriously, and especially once they come into big-money projects," he says, adding that politicians or their campaigns end up receiving money from people or organizations whose interests they then protect, perhaps skimming money along the way. "The level of corruption in politics is what's alarming a lot of people."

Rhyno is asked how one goes about removing corruption from politics.

"There's only one way, and that is to do it the hard way," he says. "We need to hold people accountable, investigating, prosecuting and having [the money] back in the tax base."

"We can't keep electing these characters who say one thing, and do another," he adds.

Rhyno believes Ontario residents are taxed far too much.

"You can't keep taxing people to the point where they don't want to work anymore," he says, adding that many wages in the province are too low for the level of taxation that is imposed on residents.

Rhyno says many of the mainstream parties will just continue this trend of too much taxation and spending.

"The Liberals and the NDP and Green party, they're just going to spend more money, they're just going to be pulling out more loans," he says. "You can't spend your way into prosperity, you can't tax your way into prosperity."



Tom Rhyno is running for the None Of The Above (NOTA) party in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the June 7 provincial election. / Photo submitted

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Answers on page 26

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Candidates talk long-term care, mental health funding

by JENN WATT
Editor

Candidates for MPP in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock put long-term care spaces, doctor recruitment and mental health on the top of their lists of health-care improvements their parties would implement should they form government following the provincial election on June 7.

Health care is the biggest expense for Ontario's government at more than \$61 billion in the 2018 Liberal budget. Education is a distant second at \$29 billion.

However, despite this spending, there are still major issues with access and quality and many in the province are unable to afford key components of health care, such as dental care and prescription medicines.

More long-term care beds are urgently needed, said local MPP and PC candidate Laurie Scott. She said in this riding, there are more than 2,000 people on the waitlist for a bed.

"That then puts pressure on hospitals because people are waiting there that can't go back home," she said.

The PCs would add 15,000 long-term care beds over the next five years and 30,000 over 10 to address this issue.

Rural hospitals like the ones in Haliburton County would benefit from more power being entrusted locally, Scott said. The PCs would consult with health-care professionals to find out how to better the system. She did not oppose the Local Health Integration Network system, but said there was too much bureaucracy, which hinders efficient, cost-effective service.

"I'd certainly like to see more people having access to assisted living, whether that's where they are or some kind of co-ordination with a new build up there [in Haliburton County]," she said.

"Haliburton County is a nice size that people can co-ordinate a lot of services, but they just need a little bit of structure provincially to let them do it."

When it comes to mental health, the PCs have promised to match the federal government's commitment of \$1.9 billion over 10 years.

On doctor recruitment and retention, Scott said Ontario's doctors have felt under attack and that her party would be listening to their concerns and finding ways to move forward. The Liberals also have not allocated funding according to demographics, she charged, which means fewer specialists where they're needed.

NDP candidate Zac Miller agrees that more spaces need to be created in long-term care and said his party would also add 15,000 new beds over the next five years and 40,000 over the next 10. He said they would also legislate a minimum standard of care for patients in these homes of four hours of hands-on care per day with funding to make it happen. The cost would be about \$257 million.

The NDP intends to create a ministry of mental health and addictions, which would give more focus to improving care as well as streamlining services, which Miller said are currently handled by several different ministries.

His party would create 30,000 new supportive housing units, 12,000 in the first five years and hire 2,200 new mental health-care workers.

Miller said the NDP would scrap the standardized testing in schools, saving \$40 million a year, which would be applied to improving mental health resources for youth within schools.

"Standardized testing only teaches students how to take a test," Miller said, pointing out Ontario's math scores are the lowest in the country.

Under the NDP hospital spending would increase by 5.3 per cent.

"The NDP are going to immediately fund the creation of 2,000 new beds. And we're promising to not be cutting any further nursing or health-care workers, front-line workers," he said.

They would also expand services available to all Ontarians.

"We will implement universal pharmacare and dental care to guarantee medication and

oral care to anyone regardless of age, income or employment," he said.

The Consensus Party of Ontario would establish a separate ministry for seniors and long-term care, according to its online policy statement. It would also increase pay for PSWs and funding for staff in nursing homes. Consensus candidate Chuck MacMillan said in many cases the cost of long-term care is too high for many to afford. He also criticized other parties for promising new beds over the course of many years, when new beds are needed right away.

MacMillan said one of his top concerns is that constituents have a family doctor.

"Obviously what a lot of people are looking for is having a doctor. Not everybody has a doctor so it's either walk-in clinics ... you feel just as sick going out as coming in because everybody's sick and coughing and everything else. Good to have. It's better than nothing. Or you sit at emerg. for four hours," he said.

The Consensus Party platform states: "Ontario should increase the number of doctors in training, including foreign-trained doctors, and it should also create Ministry of Health training positions for doctor trainees whereby these people will be put on salary and receive free tuition for their training period and afterwards, and be required to work upon graduation where they are needed in Ontario, on that salary, until the tuition has been repaid. At that point they would be free to relocate."

The party also advocates expanding pharmacare, spending more on preventative health care, and reducing wait times.

Gene Balfour, chairman of the Ontario Libertarian Party as well as the riding's candidate, said the best fix for the province's health care issues would be to introduce competition.

All parties operate under the same formula, he said, pulling the levers of spending or regulation.

"The only answers that they tend to come up

with is spending more money or passing new laws or regulations," he said.

His party would work to remove regulations, allowing private enterprise to enter the market, giving people more choice.

"The idea would be that we would look to eliminate all their regulations that currently give the government its monopoly mandate to run the health-care system in Ontario," he said.

Competition would force government services to become more efficient, he argued, which would reduce the burden on the taxpayer in the long run while also giving people health care options.

"We're not trying to privatize anything. What we're trying to do is we're trying to allow the public, each individual patient in the province to have a free choice between going to a government institution that's paid for through the tax system or going to non-government enterprises that are not paid for through the tax system," he said.

Liberal candidate Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger was unavailable for an interview for this article. The Liberal party's website states: "Through OHIP+, we are expanding free prescription drug coverage for children and youth under 25 to cover everyone over 65.

"Our plan shortens wait times for health care, improves access to mental health care and reduces drug and dental costs for people without benefit plans. We are providing more care for seniors, more support to low-income people, investing in women's health and protecting women's reproductive rights." The platform can be found at <https://platform.ontarioliberal.ca/delivering-on-a-care-agenda>.

A media spokesperson for the Green Party candidate, Lynn Therien, informed a reporter at the paper that Therien would not be available for any media interviews during the campaign period.



Haliburton Highlands Health Services Now Seeking Members for Community Advisory Committee

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is seeking community-minded individuals interested in serving on a 12-14 member Community Advisory Committee, responsible for providing advice and insight to its Board of Directors on the delivery and future planning of community services in Haliburton County. The Advisory Committee will also provide linkages to the community on trends and issues related to the community services.

Key functions of the Community Advisory Committee will include providing advice on:

- Needs of community services clients
- The unique and diverse needs of the Haliburton community
- Further opportunities for partnership and collaboration
- Best approaches for communicating with the community
- Feedback on the delivery of community services and future planning for services

The Committee generally meets on Thursday mornings 6 to 8 times per year. In addition work groups meet at other times convenient to the individual members.

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a member of the new Community Advisory Committee, then we would like to hear from you by **June 15, 2018**.

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**Leaps and bounds**

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 1 student Kadyn Gillooly sails through the air at the Track and Field meet finals held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on May 26. / SUE TIFFIN Staff



Among the crowds of spectators and organizers at the countywide elementary school track and field event held May 26, groups of students from each school were seen in huddles.

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School student Jessalynn Thompson gets a pep talk from her dad, Ian, prior to her race at the county track and field meet finals held on May 26.
/SUE TIFFIN Staff



Archie Stouffer Elementary School was represented by more than 100 track and field athletes at the county final track and field meet held May 26 at HHSS in Haliburton. Baylie Stover and Cole Hamilton were bantam athletes of the day and Austin Boylan was the male finalist for bantam athlete of the day. Jayden Hamilton was the male tyke athlete of the day and Mackenzie Milburn was the female finalist for tyke athlete of the day./Submitted by Cheryl Patterson

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When: Saturday June 2, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Minden Cultural Centre, Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
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When: Saturday June 9, 10 a.m. to noon

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Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wed. June 20. Doors open 6 p.m. speaker 7 p.m.
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The Red Hawks junior runner Isaac Little, second from right, leaps from a barrier on his way to breaking a school record and a fourth place in open steeplechase at the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) Championships held last week in Peterborough. There were 19 qualifiers advancing to the OFSAA East Regional Track and Field Championships this Friday in Kingston, including two COSSA winners, Desi Davies and Emma Casey. Submitted by Shannon Walker

Hawks team support brings track success

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

The Red Hawks track and field team are sending 19 qualifiers to the OFSAA East Regional Track and Field Championships this Friday in Kingston. Top five placed competitors advance. The team is also sending four relay teams (midget boys 4 x 100 metre, the junior girls 4 x 100 metre, junior boys 4 x 100 metre, fifth senior boys 4 x 100 metre). Below are individual and team relay results submitted by coach Karen Gervais.

Midget girls: Mikayla O'Neill, triple jump, fourth; Sterling Nesbitt, long jump, fourth; 100 m fourth.

Junior girls: Rebecca Archibald, triple jump, third; long jump, third; Emma Casey, javelin, first; discus, fourth.

Senior girls: Emily Domerchie 1500 metres, third; 400 hurdles, fifth; 3000 metres, seventh.

Achieved personal bests in the 1500 metres and the 3000 metres.

Midget boys: Desi Davies, discus, first; shotput, fourth; Jacob Dobson, shotput, sixth; Davis Gartshore, 800 metres, fifth; long jump, sixth; Alex Little, 400 metre, third; 800 me-

tre, third; javelin, ninth; Teo O'Malley, 300 metre hurdles, sixth.

Junior boys: Isaac Little, steeplechase, fourth; 3000 metres, third; Jonas Moghini 800 metres, fifth

Nigel Smith triple jump, third; long jump, seventh; Codie Wilkinson, 100 metres, fifth.

Senior boys: Coleman Heaven 110 metres hurdles, seventh; Sam Longo 1500 metres, third, a personal best time of 4:29.98; Zak Shantz, javelin, sixth; Connor Spence, 110 metres hurdles, fourth; Shawn Walker 400 metres, fourth; 800 metres, seventh.

Team relay teams

Midget boys 4 x 100 metre, fifth (Brian Kim, Desi Davies, Alex Little and Brendan Coumbs).

Jr girls 4 x 100 m, fifth (Brittany Bain, Mikayla O'Neill, Sterling Nesbitt and Rebecca Archibald).

Jr boys 4 x 100 metre, fifth (Codie Wilkinson, Nigel Smith, Jonas Moghini, Isaac Little)

Sr boys 4 x 100 metre, fifth Note: tied for fifth, but advance (Shawn Walker, Sam Longo, Zak Shantz and Connor Spence).

Open boys 4 x 400 metres, sixth (Shawn Walker, Sam Longo, Alex Little and Isaac Little).

Athletes respond to coaching support and efforts

The coaching staff includes Karen Gervais, Russ Duhaime, Will Arnup, Walter Tose and Tim Davies, both retirees who taught at HHSS, Kyra Cockwell, who is an occasional teacher that has a baby, but still came to practice with a jogging stroller and to COSSA, and former Olympian Al Hough.

Coach Karen Gervais said success for this team is a result of the tremendous support by staff and community coaches. Track and field requires this kind of coaching team with all the various disciplines.

With files from Karen Gervais

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Savage windstorm rips through county



In a scene repeated many times during the past few days, members of an Ontario Hydro work crew struggle with a tree as it leans on power lines. At this particular location, on the Bethel Church Road, a short caused by one of the fallen trees ignited a grass fire which was fanned by the strong winds.

A vicious wind storm ripped through the Haliburton Highlands Monday tearing up trees which blocked roads, downed power lines and caused extensive personal property damage.

The storm gathered in intensity Monday afternoon and reached its height at about 6 p.m. However, high winds continued to blow during the night knocking down trees which had been weakened by the gusts estimated at up to 100 kilometres per hour.

Cal Wilson, manager of the Minden office of Ontario Hydro, said the storm was one of the worst the utility had to recover from in the past five years. He said the impact of the high winds was equal to that experienced in January 1979, when a heavy fall of wet snow brought trees and branches crashing down on area power lines.

At the height of the storm virtually all of the county was without electrical power as falling trees shorted out power lines or caused them to snap. All of the sub-transmission lines in the county were affected by the high winds, resulting in a massive repair project for the Hydro crews based in Minden.

The widespread damage caused by the storm meant that Hydro crews had to concentrate on repairing the sub-transmission line before turning their attention to the feeder lines.

The county-wide power outage occurred around 4:30 p.m. Power was restored to Minden Village at about 8:30 p.m. Parts of Haliburton Village also received electrical power Monday evening but other sections of the village had to

do without until the next morning. In many rural areas power was not restored until sometime Tuesday.

14,800 without power

According to Mr. Wilson some 14,800 Hydro customers were affected by the power outage at the height of the storm. As of Tuesday at noon, 6,000 were still waiting to have power services reinstated.

"We have called in a helicopter to assist in locating the downed trees,"

and there is greater danger posed by the leaning or fallen trees. The crews were back on the job early Tuesday morning after a few hours sleep."

He said that most residents were patient and understanding in their dealings with the Hydro office during the storm. He noted that in some cases power was available on one side of a rural road, while the other side remained in darkness. He explained this was a result of the grid patterns used in the delivery

more pictures
on page 7

Wilson said, "Also extra crews are being brought in from areas to the south and north of the county to assist in the repair work."

The Hydro spokesman said the repair work was slowed by the size of some of the trees swept down by the storm. He said the large trees often presented a difficult and dangerous removal chore.

"We expect to have everything back to normal by Wednesday," the Hydro spokesman commented, although he suggested that another flurry of repairs will likely be required in the next few weeks as cottagers visit the area to find their power lines are down.

Wilson said that Hydro crews worked late Monday evening attempting to restore as many customers as possible. "The crews were called in after they had been on the job for 16 to 18 hours," he commented. "It is difficult to work in the dark

of electricity.

Wilson said the helicopter, which was in use Tuesday, helped to speed repairs. Many of the lines go across country and do not follow the roads, so it is often difficult to ascertain where fallen trees had affected the power service.

While the loss of electrical power was probably the greatest inconvenience experienced by Highlands residents, the storm left its mark in other ways.

Telephones out

Some telephone subscribers found that their phone service had been disrupted by the same trees which brought down hydro lines. According to Terry Bew, spokesman for Bell Canada, only 25 customers were without phone service as of Tuesday afternoon. He expected they would be back on line shortly.

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Petting zoo suggested as possibility for Minden

The municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden was advised to proceed cautiously in the establishment of a wildlife park involving exotic animals.

That note of caution was offered by Wally Davidson, director of the Riverview Park and Zoo in Peterborough. He spoke to the members of council April

26.

Davidson, while cautioning the council on the advisability of establishing a facility for animals such as deer, monkeys and caged animals, was enthusiastic about the possibility of creating a natural wildlife duck and bird sanctuary and possibly a children's petting zoo in the community.

The park committee of council had been considering the idea of using the property south of the arena and east of the library-cultural centre complex for a wildlife park. He said the area in question was too wet for hooved animals.

However, he noted that the area does have a natural spring and is well suited to

the raising of water fowl. He suggested that a central area could be dredged to create a pond and that a boardwalk could be constructed which would give visitors a vantage point from which to observe the ducks, swans and geese that could be placed there, or attracted by the stocked birds.

Davidson also proposed

that rather than becoming involved with a formal zoo involving cages or extensive fencing, the council consider opening a child's petting zoo using farm animals. He noted that this facility would be a major attraction, but would not commit the community to year-round maintenance or feed bills.

It was pointed out as well

that with a farm animal petting zoo, the local veterinarian would be experienced in treating the animals, where special training may be required in dealing with more unusual species.

He said the animals could be dispersed to area farms or

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- Ability to work a flexible schedule including weekends, evenings and holidays.
- Ability to work co-operatively in team atmosphere.
- The Warehouse / Receiving Inventory Manager must perform all tasks with sufficient speed and accuracy.

Resumes can be submitted in person to Management
Deadline for submission is May 31st, 2018

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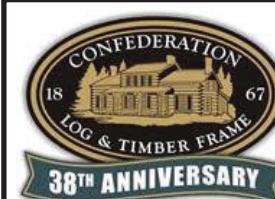
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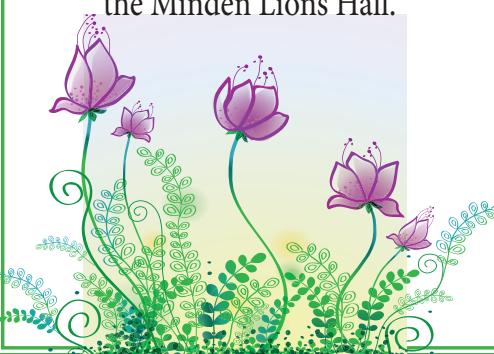
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Roland, John

Peacefully, at the Extended Care Unit, Welland, on March 22, 2018, John passed away at the age of 84.

Caring father of Jay. Predeceased by his wife, Lorna (2013).

Cremation has taken place.
 Please join us for a Graveside Service and Interment at the Minden Cemetery, on Saturday June 2, 2018 at 11:30 am. Luncheon to follow at the Minden Lions Hall.



650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of Margaret Mary Fletcher (nee Pottruff)

Passed away during her afternoon nap peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Monday, May 21, 2018. In her 96th year.

Beloved wife of the late Milton. Dear mother of Jack and his wife Elizabeth, Bruce and his wife Marion, Lyle and Susan and predeceased by Carl. Loving grandmother of Pat, Chris, Sherry and their families.

Fondly remembered by her family and friends.

Friends are invited to a Memorial Gathering to Celebrate Margaret's Life at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 12:00 o'clock noon until 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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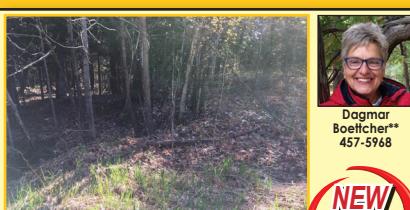
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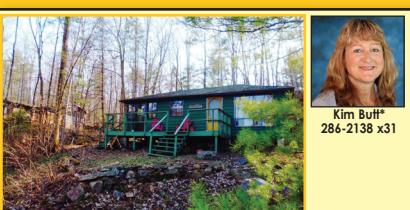
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- 200 steps to municipal water access on beautiful Balsam Lake

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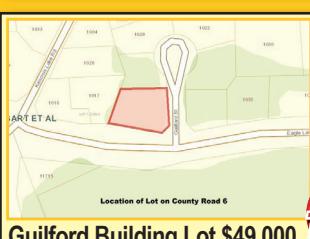
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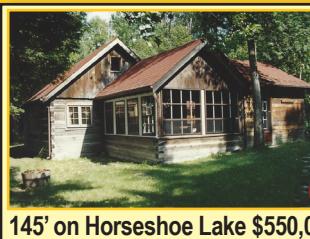
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- 2 bdrms + Bunkie, Brick fireplace with insert
- Unique brick floor, beamed cathedral ceilings

**SOLD!****Minden Home \$299,000**

- Lovely 4 bdrm in-town home just steps from the school. Nicely updated, lots of natural light. Large deck/private yard.

**Kinmount Home \$439,000**

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 25 acres
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**Paradise Lake \$449,000**

- 156 ft, clean, hard-packed sand, South Exp
- Good privacy at deck & lk plus dbl car garage
- Nice neighborhood, only 5 mins to Haliburton

**SOLD!****Miskwabi Lake \$949,900**

- Post and Beam home on Miskwabi Lake N. Shore
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- 98 acres with creek running through
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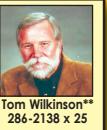
- 1200 sq', 3 bedrooms, almost 6 acres
- Double garage & single garage
- Large deck and screen gazebo

**NEW LISTING!****Eagle Lake \$449,000**

- Well maintained traditional 3 bdrm cottage
- Big lake views from master, dining & living rooms
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